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an elongated body having a longitudinal axis and a proximal surface generally transverse to said longitudinal axis,

a boss extending from said proximal surface, said boss having a transverse face, generally axial extended side surfaces, and a non-round cross section as viewed along said axis,

at least one indentation penetrating said transverse face of said boss and at least one of said proximal surface and said transverse face of said [implant] body, said at least one indentation being adapted to engage an insertion device or at least one protrusion of a dental prosthesis or an abutment so as to fix the position of the prosthesis or abutment relative to said implant.

12. (Twice Amended) An implant assembly comprising:

(i) a dental implant for insertion in the jaw bone of a patient, comprising:

an elongated body having a longitudinal axis and a proximal surface generally transverse to said longitudinal axis,

a boss extending from said proximal surface, said boss having a transverse face, generally axial extended side surfaces, and a non-round cross section as viewed along said axis,

at least one indentation penetrating said transverse of said boss and at least one of said proximal surface and said transverse face of said body,

(ii) a dental prosthesis or abutment or impression coping for attachment to said implant, comprising, at a surface that engages said implant, at least one protrusion which engages with said at least one indentation so as to fix the position of the dental prosthesis or abutment or impression coping relative to said implant.

15. (Amended) A dental implant for insertion in the jaw bone of a patient, comprising:

an elongated body having a longitudinal axis and proximal surface generally transverse to said longitudinal axis,